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It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

The references listed in the form PTO Form-1449 are not being provided pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d). Copies of references listed on sheets 1 to 5 of the attached form PTO-1449 (references AA-EA) were previously submitted in prosecution of copending application

U.S.S.N. 08/724,643. Copies of references listed on sheet 6 of the attached form PTO-1449 (references FA-FR) were previously submitted in prosecution of copending application U.S.S.N. 08/854,050. Applicants believe that no additional copies of the references are required to be submitted and that additional submission of references would be cumbersome for the Office; however, Applicants will provide additional copies at the request of the Examiner.

The relationship between the aforementioned U.S.S.N. 08/854,050, U.S.S.N. 08/724,643, and the present application is as follows:

The present application is a Continuation-In-Part application ("CIP") of PCT/US97/17618, filed October 1, 1997, and PCT/US97/17885, filed October 1, 1997, which are continuation-in-part applications of USSN 08/911,312, filed August 14, 1997, and USSN 08/912,951, filed August 14, 1997, and USSN 08/915,503, filed August 14, 1997, which are continuation-in-part applications of USSN 08/854,050, filed May 9, 1997, which is a continuation-in-part application of USSN 08/851,843, filed May 6, 1997, which is a continuation-in-part application of USSN 08/846,017, filed April 25, 1997, which is a continuation-in-part application of USSN 08/844,419, filed April 18, 1997, which is a continuation-in-part application of USSN 08/724,643, filed on October 1, 1996.

Applicants respectfully draw the Examiner's attention to the submission in copending application USSN 08/854,050 of a "Detailed Discussion of Most Closely Related References" which accompanied a "Petition to Make Special under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d)" filed in that application. Applicants believe that the references discussed in the "Detailed Discussion" are also related to the present application, and that the "Detailed Discussion" may be of assistance to the Examiner in the present case. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the "Detailed Discussion" submitted for USSN 08/854,050 is attached.

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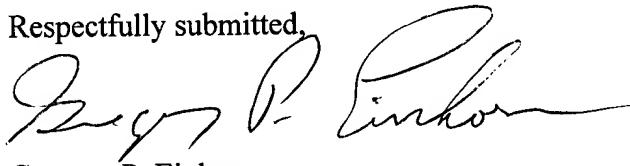
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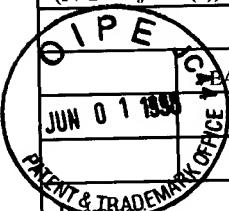
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